### Research and Analysis to Inform USAID Priorities on Social Protection



Project Title	Research and Analysis to Inform USAID Priorities on Social Protection
Currence	Conduct a review of scientific literature on social protection, as well as a program inventory to identify critical gaps and opportunities in helping governments scale social protection programs, as well as inform how USAID can engage in this space.
Country	United States

### **Project Description**

Social protection programming emerged roughly twenty years ago however, in the last decade it has become one of the three main elements of development, along with growth and human development. USAID sees social protection as a key strategy to build and strengthen resilience. Social protection is a means to reduce poverty, promote inclusive development, build social and human capital and achieve greater gender equity and social cohesion. It allows poor and vulnerable populations to break intergenerational cycles of poverty and augment human and social capital and contributes to the country's journey to self-reliance.

Global responses to COVID 19 have demonstrated the critical importance social protection programs can play as part of disaster response. The flexing, adapting and expanding of government owned and led social protection programs represent an effective and efficient means to address immediate and short-term needs, reducing external investments in Humanitarian Assistance. USAID is interest in learning the key challenges and opportunities to helping governments expand social protection systems, as well as clear understanding of the current state of play in the social protection arena and where USAID should engage in that space.

The intern will support staff in the USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, Center for Resilience (RFS/CR) to conduct research and analysis that will inform USAID priorities. This includes review, analysis and summary of relevant:

- ? Scientific and other literature
- ? Interviews with donors and other organizations such as the World Bank and International Labor Organization.
- ? Interviews with USAID mission staff and host country governments

The research and analysis may examine one or more of the following topics:

- I. What Happening in Social protection?
- Who are the main actors?
- What are the main networks, fora, boards, agendas?
- What are key resources to learn about Social protection?
- Recommendations for USAID engagement
- II. Social protection Inventory

- Conduct a social protection inventory in the 14 resilience focus countries.
- o What social protection programs exist in country? (Social assistance, social insurance, labor market interventions)
- o Who is funding them?
- o Who are they reaching? For what purpose?
- o Identify gaps and funding opportunities
- o Will need to find contacts with World Bank and ILO at minimum, ask who else you should speak to.
- Conduct USAID Social protection Inventory
- o What social protection programs are being funded by USAID?
- ? Engage Education, Global Health, RFS, BHA, Africa Bureau
- ? Engage missions in the 14 resilience focus countries
- o What opportunities are there to invest in social protection? Where do programs exist that USAID could be supporting?

### **Required Skills or Interests**

# Skill(s) Analytical writing Cultural diplomacy Data analysis Research

### **Additional Information**

The ideal candidate will have education or experience in international development and/or sociology and a strong interest in these topics. The tasks of the intern will be finalized at the start of the internship based on USAID's priorities at that time as well as the interests and skills of the intern. Depending on the intern's skills and interest the following could also be included in the internship:

#### III. Develop Social Protection training materials

- Social Protection 101 presentation
- Sectoral guides ex. Social protection and Education, Social Protection and Health, Social protection and humanitarian assistance.
- Field guide for missions
- o How to engage in social protection
- o How to identify social protection programs
- o Key things to consider for designing activities
- Social Protection talking points

## **Language Requirements**

None